

Follow-up items from earlier Economic Vitality forums

(Written reports available from GMAP staff)

Project	Agencies	Status and notes
Workforce development	ESD, HECB, SBCTC, WTECB	<u>Report available:</u> Agencies have addressed questions and requests from the Dec. 1, 2006, forum, including degrees earned by non-residents, and job outcomes for public and private college workforce training students.
Improving auditor recruitment and retention	DOP, DOR, ESD, L&I,	<u>On track.</u> Agencies have (1) identified specific locations with high turnover and are interviewing ex-employees to identify causes; and (2) taken steps to improve recruiting. The group will submit recommendations on these issues to DOP by June 20, 2007.
Cross-agency referrals of business cases	DOR, ESD, L&I	<u>On track.</u> Agencies share information about companies that fail to register with the state or attempt to evade a tax. Tactics include fraud tip lines, inter-agency referrals, and data file transfers. First results report planned for June 2007.
Business survival	CTED, DOR, ESD, L&I	<u>On track.</u> Agencies will report by Sept. 2007 on the extent to which business 'churn' (high openings and closures) is a problem that should be addressed by targeted state actions or programs. A related report will review state-by-state 'business climate' rankings and the extent to which Washington's high rate of 'churn' is <i>perceived</i> as a problem nationally.
CTED information technology	CTED	<u>Pending legislative decision:</u> CTED has requested funding for two projects whose need has been highlighted in past GMAP forums. One request would enable development of a paperless grant application for CTED and Ecology; the other would underwrite a new, unified data system. Both requests await further legislative consideration. Meanwhile, CTED is developing a pilot project to build staff expertise in anticipation of the proposed agency-wide data system.

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